

Impact Report

2019





As we embark on our 45th year of leadership in autism services, our goal remains the same—to provide comprehensive services designed to enable individuals with autism to lead fulfilling and engaged lives in their communities.

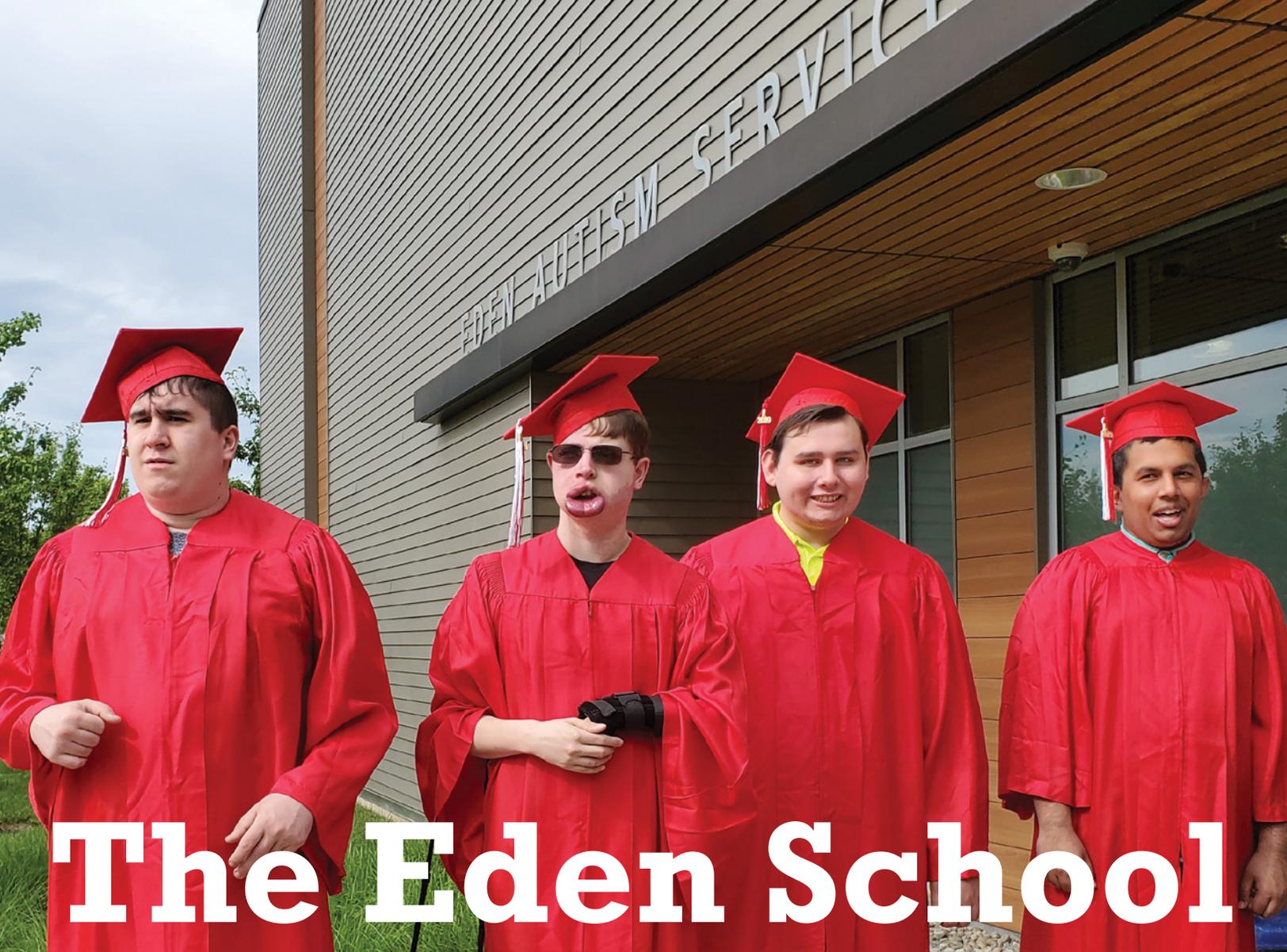
From creating new opportunities for our senior adult participants to our ongoing Pre-K through 21 educational services, last year saw a remarkable amount of growth for both Eden and the individuals we serve.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our mission not just last year, but through our 45-year history. From our dedicated staff and teachers to our dedicated families and community partners, we are honored to have you on this journey with us. Together, we can improve the lives of people with autism— one individual at a time, one family at a time, one community at a time.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Decker
President & CEO





The Eden School

Forty Years of Clinical Service

The Eden School provides year-round educational services for children and adolescents with autism, ages 3-21. With a commitment to excellence in autism education, we have more than 40 years of clinical experience and success in educating individuals with autism. Eden is a NJ state licensed, approved private school for children with disabilities.

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In June 2019, we graduated six students from the high school



those who contributed to Eden's 2009 - 2014 Capital Campaign. Every gift is meaningful and sincerely appreciated. Donors listed here are recognized for their extraordinary support.

In June 2019, we welcomed

4

new students to start the 2019-2020 school year.

The Eden School served an average of

75

students during the 2018-2019 school year





97%

of high school students participated in community-based or in-house job experiences.

Our students work in restaurants, at local businesses, and in-house at the school, where they apply the skills they learned in the classroom in a real-world setting



The center served

136

adult participants across
three day centers in our
Adult Day Program.

Eden Adult Services

At the day centers, our participants partake in a variety of activities designed to keep them engaged and active. A cooking program and art classes teach our participants fun new skills, and working on the exercise equipment allows our participants to remain active even on days when they stay inside the center.





Schalks Crossing Day Center

The center served

28

PARTICIPANTS

with room to support up to

40

PARTICIPANTS

In August, Eden opened one of the first day centers specifically designed to address the needs of aging adults with autism. The Schalks Crossing Day Center, located in Plainsboro, offers a wide range of activities geared toward an aging population and those with higher medical needs, including arts and crafts, exercise, computer skills, and cooking.





50+

**businesses throughout
the community
worked with Eden's
adult participants**

Eden's paid and volunteer
employment program for adults
continues to grow with

80%

of all adult participants engaged
in competitive employment
or volunteer roles

**New community employment
partners in 2019 include TJ Maxx,
Retro Fitness, and Mercer
Meadows Equestrian Center.**





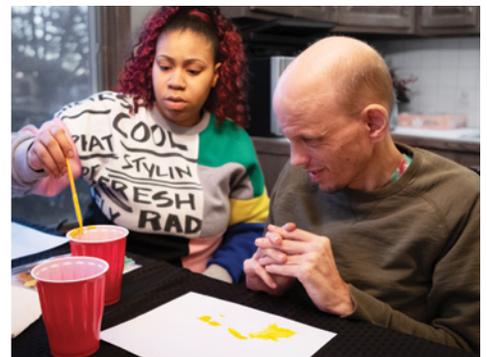
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PARTICIPANTS

27

RESIDENCES

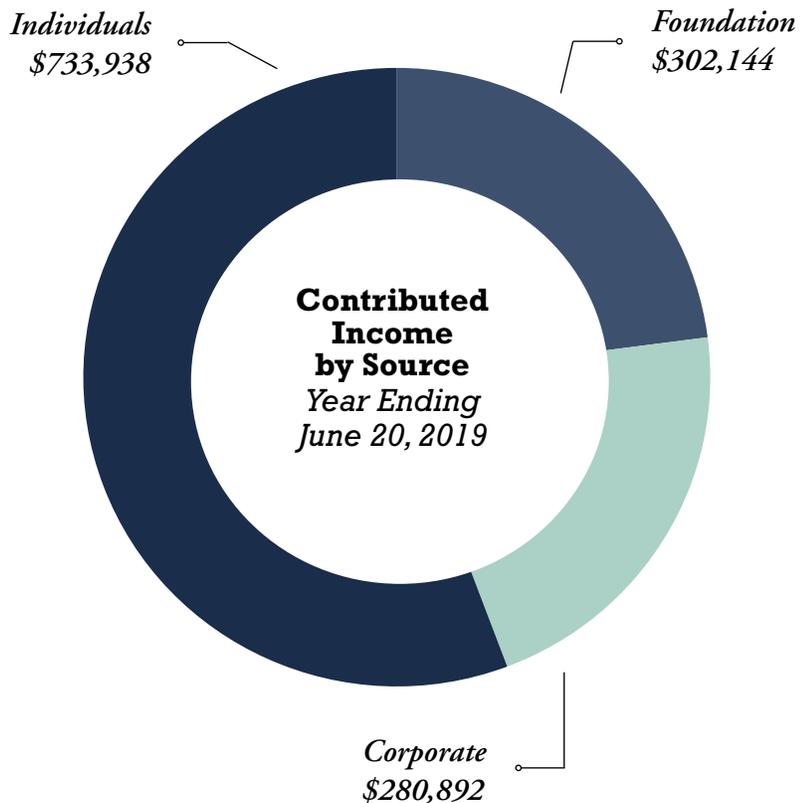
In our Adult Residential Program, Eden served 99 participants across 27 residences. Eden opened a residence in Robbinsville in 2019, allowing six participants to move into a newly renovated, ADA-compliant home. In 2020, we plan to open additional residences in Cranbury and Plainsboro.





Thank You.

Every year, funds from donors help support critical services for children and adults with autism. In FY19, Eden had a \$35 million operating budget, with over \$1.3 million in contributions and \$724,091 in investment income. Our goal at Eden is to enable all of our participants to engage and work in their communities to the full extent of their abilities, and the support we receive from the community is what allows us to achieve this goal. We are incredibly grateful for all donations that help us carry out our mission, as well as the dedicated individuals and organizations who understand the value of the work we do.





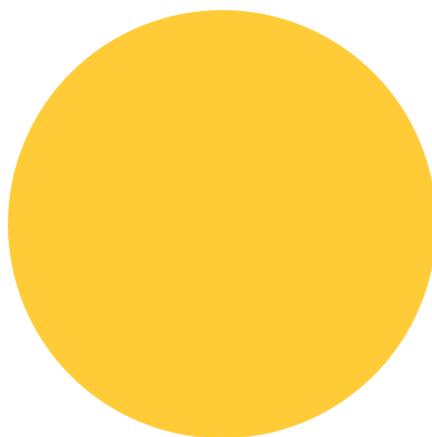
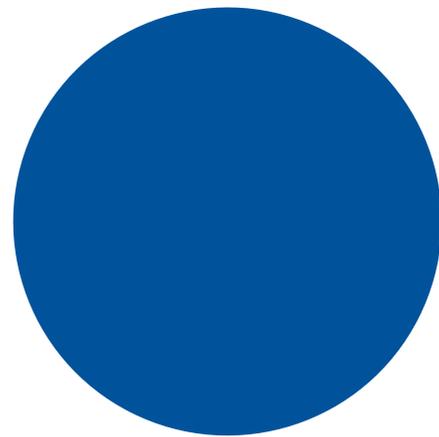
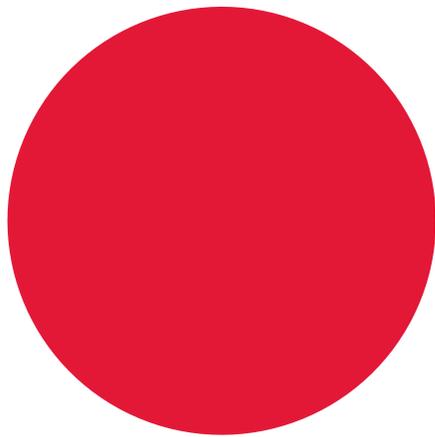
“Spearheading the effort to raise money for individuals with autism during the Eden 5K through our company team was truly one of the most rewarding things I have done, and we are looking forward to doing it again this year!”

— Carrie Stangl
Marketing and Business Development,
Berkowsky and Associates, Inc.



“Patrick is 20 years old now. That means in one year he’ll be done with the school system, and after that for many families it’s a big black hole. There are not many opportunities available, so we are very lucky, both to be a part of Eden and that Wawa has supported us for all these years.”

— Tara Murphy, *Eden Parent*



About Autism

Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Currently, it is estimated that one in every 54 children in the U.S. has been identified with autism spectrum disorder. In New Jersey, it is one in 32.

Considered a "spectrum disorder," the symptoms and behaviors of autism can present in many combinations from mild to severe. The cost to treat and respond to a child's diagnosis of autism is \$60,000 per year on average. Costs over a lifetime can exceed \$2.3 million.

The fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S., the symptoms of autism can be treated, but currently there is no cure.



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